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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/868,025

Group Art Unit: 1638

Confirmation No.: 5370

Examiner: Medina A. IBRAHIM

Filed: February 19, 2002

Applicant: Villo Morawala PATELL, et al.

For: AN ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE CONFERRING STRESS
TOLERANCE/SUSCEPTIBILITY IN RICE (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: After Final

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed December 2, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 10, and 11.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION AND FEE

X Attached is a petition for a 3-month extension of
time for reply to the final rejection. \$1020.00

2. APPEAL FEE

X Other than a small entity 500.00

TOTAL FEE \$1520.00

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3. PAYMENT

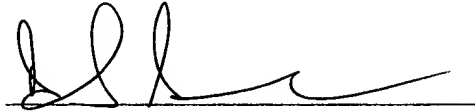
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 X Charge Deposit Account No. 18-1260 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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